



Al Machen

May 18, 1935 - September 26, 2021

Alfred "Al" Machen, age 86, passed from this life into his Heavenly home on Sunday, September 26, 2021.

Al was born on May 18, 1935, in the Lampasas County community of Nix to Milton George and Neva Maurea (Porter) Machen. Al served in the US Army immediately after the Korean Conflict. He was a longtime resident of McCulloch County, moving here in 1957. He married the love of his life, Bobbye Forehand, on November 8, 1957, in Lampasas, and they shared 64 years in life, laughter, love, and family.

Al was a Christian man who was an elder of the Sunset Ridge Church of Christ and was devoted to his work with the Heart of Texas Bible Camp for over 50 years. He also was involved in his community and had served as Band Booster President.

A hard-working man, Al's work ethic was unmatched by those both young and old. He had a one-job, 35-year career as a civil engineer for the Texas Highway Department. After his retirement, he worked for the Holloways and Heritage Funeral Home for 25 years. He loved ranching, his cows, and his goats. He also loved fishing, woodworking, and gardening.

Al was the sweetest man you could ever meet, who spoke his mind when

needed, but even that was done with kindness. Above all else, Al was a family man who loved each member of his family dearly, teaching them important life lessons. He imparted wisdom and God's love to each of them.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Avilla Corbin, and son-in-law Lee Coffman.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his devoted wife, Bobbye Machen of Brady; son, Rick Machen and wife Debra of Kingsville, Texas; daughter, Suzanne Coffman of Brady; brother, Clifford Machen and Darlene Ward of Lampasas, Texas; sister, Sharon Moore and husband Buddy of Lampasas; four grandchildren, Mallory Dougherty and husband Sean, Kyle Machen, Bradley Coffman and Ryan Coffman; two great-granddaughters, Evelyn Dougherty and Corrie Dougherty; and numerous extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Heart of Texas Bible Camp, c/o Sunset Ridge Church of Christ.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, September 30, 2021, at Heritage Funeral Home of Brady.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 1, 2021, at Sunset Ridge Church of Christ with Virgil Webb, Minister, officiating. Burial will be at 3:30 PM in Senterfitt Cemetery near Lometa.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Heritage Funeral Home of Brady.

Please view Mr. Machen's online memorial at www.heritagefuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Senterfitt Cemetery

4746 County Road 1436
Lometa, TX 76853

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Heritage Funeral Home - Brady
300 North Bridge Street
Brady, TX 76825

Funeral Service

OCT **1**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Sunset Ridge Church of Christ

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Dear Bobbie and family, I am so sorry to read of Al's passing. He was always such a kind gentlemanly person. Never failed to have a smile and hello. I remember how much of a basketball fan he was during Brewster's coaching time. I know you all will miss him terribly and my heart and sympathy are with you. Cynthia Moore

Cynthia Moore - October 04, 2021 at 02:29 PM

AS

“ We are thinking of you and your family. We pray God's peace and mercy is with you.

"Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments." Deut. 7:9

Love from the Sawyer Family

Alison Sawyer - September 30, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Al Machen.



September 30, 2021 at 06:43 PM

TT

“ *The Champion Energy Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Al Machen.*



The Champion Energy Team - September 30, 2021 at 11:06 AM

GD

“ *Sorry for your lose. We have great memories of his kindness. Bobbie we will keep you in our thoughts in the days to come.*

Glenda Douglas - September 29, 2021 at 08:02 PM

AD

“ *My deepest sympathy to all the Machen family. I am holding good "thoughts and prayers" for all of you. Al was always a gentleman and I know you will miss him. Annette Y Deans*

Annette Y Deans - September 29, 2021 at 06:56 PM

CH

“ *so sorry for your loss he will be missed*

cherri broad horton - September 29, 2021 at 09:42 AM

FT

“ *from Becky , Caity , Celvin , Thomas purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Al Machen.*



from Becky , Caity , Celvin , Thomas - September 29, 2021 at 03:50 AM

LL

“ Truly a sweet man enjoyed seeing him on Sundays at Chicken Express. So sorry for your loss to Suzanne, Bobbye and the boys . We love yall

Lucy Lafuente - September 29, 2021 at 01:10 AM

ID

“ Al was kind hearted and hard working. He taught me "the proper way" to wash dishes and make pancakes at the HOT bible camp. We have lots of fond memories of Al from camp days. Al and Bobbye were the first members I meet when my parents moved us to Brady and joined the church way back when. He will be missed. We love you, Bobbye.
Tim and Ida

Ida - September 28, 2021 at 05:48 PM

JF

“ Al was a awesome man I was lucky to be related to him in ways but he was always welcoming whenever we'd stop by and always had a smile on his face. He will be greatly missed

Jackson Forehand - September 28, 2021 at 05:22 PM

ST

“ Mr. Machen was such a sweet man. Dale and I are so sad for your loss and pray God's peace over each one of you. Dale and Sherri Tally

Sherri Tally - September 28, 2021 at 04:59 PM

SM

“ *Mr Machen was always friendly and happy. I remember his and Mrs Machen in band boosters with my parents. Always there and ready to help.*

Prayers for you and your family. Enjoy the peace of Christ as he welcomes you.

Sandra Rubio Micklitz

Sandra Rubio Micklitz - September 28, 2021 at 04:34 PM



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September 28, 2021 at 04:22 PM

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“ *Al will be missed by his family and friends.* 🙏❤️

Chris and Teresa Leifeste - September 28, 2021 at 04:09 PM